



An outreach worker conducts HIV testing in Mombasa County. Those found HIV-positive are linked to care immediately.
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KENYA

HIV PREVENTION AND TREATMENT FOR PEOPLE WHO INJECT DRUGS

Approximately 1.5 million people in Kenya are living with HIV. The HIV epidemic is concentrated among key populations, including people who use and inject drugs. It is estimated that 27,014 people in Kenya inject drugs. The prevalence of HIV in this group is 18 percent compared to 4.9 percent in the general population. With limited access to health services and poor adherence to treatment, death from HIV is common in this group.

OUR WORK

The project is designed to achieve the following key results for people who use or inject drugs:

- Coordination and review of national policy, strategies, and guidelines to enhance access to evidence-based interventions.
- Increased access to a comprehensive package of HIV prevention, care, and support.
- Strengthened support from policy makers and the community for HIV prevention interventions.
- Improved national capacity to monitor and evaluate HIV programs.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Since inception, the program has:

- Enrolled 3,411 people who use drugs in medically assisted therapy (MAT), with over 80 percent actively accessing services.
- Conducted HIV testing for over 10,000 people who use drugs, with 663 HIV-positive individuals identified and linked to antiretroviral therapy treatment and prevention services.

- Established a national monitoring and reporting system for MAT.
- Initiated five MAT sites in Mombasa, Kilifi, Kwale, and Lamu and four dispensing sites.
- Economically empowered over 40 percent of MAT clients through vocational training and linkage to job opportunities and income-generating activities.
- Built the capacity of civil society organizations to offer comprehensive harm reduction services.
- Procured essential personal protective equipment for MAT health care workers and MAT clients.
- Established technical working groups at national and county levels for improved coordination.
- Developed key national guidelines and policy documents.

BUDGET: USD \$9,422,768

DURATION: 2014-2023

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

National, with work in Mombasa, Kilifi, and Kwale Counties

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

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KEY PARTNERS

- Ministry of Health (NASCO, NACC, PPB)
- Ministry of Interior (NACADA, County)
- Commissioners, Judiciary, Law Enforcement)
- County Departments for Health

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